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IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

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1 2. (amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that [-0 in the
2 form of] one of the parts [at least a portion of the housing] is manufactured by two- or
3 multi-component injection molding in the form of at least a portion of the housing.
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1 3. (amended) Method as claimed in either of claims 1 and 2, characterized in
2 that one of the parts is manufactured by two- or multi-component injection molding in
3 the form of a seal[, preferably being at least a housing portion and a seal].
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1 4. (amended) Method as claimed in [one of claims 1 through 3] claim 1,
2 characterized in that one of the parts is manufactured by two- or multi-component
3 injection molding in the form of an acoustic conductor situated at the output of an
4 electromechanical transducer of the hearing aid.

1 5. (amended) Method as claimed [by one of claims 1 through 4] in claim 1,
2 characterized in that one of the parts is [,]manufactured by two- or multi-component
3 injection molding in the form of an acoustic conductor at the input of an acousto-
4 electric transducer.

1 6. (amended) Method as claimed in [one of claims 1 through 5] claim 1,
2 characterized in that a seat for parts of the hearing aid is manufactured by two- or
3 multi-component injection molding in the hearing-aid housing[, preferably jointly
4 with at least a portion of said housing].

1 7. (amended) Method as claimed in [one of claims 1 through 6] claim 1,
2 characterized in that a rim portion of a feedthrough aperture of the housing is
3 manufactured by two- or multi-component injection molding [preferably jointly with
4 at least a portion of the housing].

1 8. (amended) Method as claimed in [one of claims 1 through 7] claim 1,
2 characterized in that on the outside of a housing portion a predetermined surface zone
3 is jointly manufactured with the housing portion by two- or multi-component injection
4 molding[, preferably as a design element and/or a palpable surface zone acting as a
5 control element at the hearing aid].

1 11. (amended) Hearing aid as claimed in either of claims 9 and 10,
2 characterized in that one of the parts is a seal [and] preferably the second part is at least
3 a portion of the housing].

1 12. (amended) Hearing aid as claimed in [one of claims 9 through 11] claim 9,
2 characterized in that the one part is an acoustic conductor at the output of an [electro-
3 mechanical] electromechanical transducer of the hearing aid.

1 13. (amended) Hearing aid as claimed in [one of claims 9 through 12] claim 9,
2 characterized in that one of the parts is an acoustic conductor at the input of an
3 acousto-electric transducer of the hearing aid.

1 14. (amended) Hearing aid as claimed in [one of claims 9 through 13] claim 9,
2 characterized in that the housing comprises at least one seat for a further part of the
3 hearing aid[, preferably for an electro-mechanical transducer of the hearing aid] and in
4 that said seat is jointly manufactured with a further part[, preferably a portion of the
5 housing,] by two- or multi-component injection molding.

1 15. (amended) Hearing aid as claimed in [one of claims 9 through 14] claim 9,
2 characterized in that the housing is fitted with a feedthrough aperture for an operation
3 control means[, preferably a switching means,] and in that the feedthrough rim zone is
4 one of the parts[, preferably the housing and/or the control element being the second
5 of the parts].

1 16. (amended) Hearing aid as claimed in [one of claims 9 through 15] claim 9,
2 characterized in that surface[s] zones constituted of another material are manufactured
3 as adjoining housing zones at the housing outside and in that they are produced jointly
4 with said housing zones by two- or multi-component injection molding.

Claim 17 has been added.